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SUBJ: LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO COMMISSIONER FELLI ON KOREA

REF: STATE 249538

1. AS COMMISSIONER FELLI HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE IN HIS OFFICE AND WITH SENIOR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OTOO STILL ABSENT, SECRETARY'S LETTER WAS DELIVERED TO EUROPE AND AMERICAS DIRECTOR LAMPTEY (WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM UN) BY POL COUNSELOR BAXTER.

2. LAMPTEY READ LETTER AND SAID IT WOULD BE BROUGHT TO COMMISSIONER'S ATTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. HE THEN WENT ON TO SAY THAT "IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE" FOR GHANA TO ABSTAIN ON OR VOTE AGAINST A RESOLUTION IT HAS CO-SPONSORED AND TO WITHDRAW CO-SPONSORSHIP "WOULD DESTROY OUR CREDIBILITY" WITH OUR "FRIENDS". HE MAINTAINED THAT GHANA HAD STRIVEN FOR DELAY IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION IN HOPE THAT SOME COMPROMISE SINGLE RESOLUTION MIGHT BE NEGOTIATED AND STILL HOPED THAT PRESENT VISIT OF SECRETARY TO PEKING MIGHT RESULT IN COMPROMISE. HPYDER, HE SAID GHANA'S POSITION UNCHANGED IN THAT IT FAVORED REGULARIZED PEACE AGREEMENT TO REPLACE TEMPORARY ARMISTICE AND WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS UNDER UN COMMAND. HE AGREED THAT USE OF UN COMMAND "COVER" (HIS WORD) HAD DECLINED, BUT SAID THAT GHANA OPPOSED STATIONING OF FOREIGN TROOPS UNDER ANY FORM OF AGREEMENT, ADDING "WHETHER IT IS YOUR AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH KOREA OR WHETHER IT IS THE WARSAW PACT". GHANA, HE THOUGHT, COULD TAKE

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SOME CREDIT FOR CHANGES IN NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION OF LAST YEAR (WHEN GHANA DECLINED TO CO-SPONSOR AND ABSTAINED) TO WHAT

HE DESCRIBED AS LESS "STRINGENT" PROPOSAL THIS YEAR. BUT
TO HIM THIS ZAS AS FAR AS GHANA COULD BE EXPECTED TO GO.
(INTER ALIA, HE NOTED GHANA'S EFFORTS TO MODERATE OAU AND
LIMA PROPOSALS FOR EXPULSION OF ISRAEL).

4. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT AT ALL HOPEFUL THAT GHANAIAAN POSITION WILL
CHANGE AND EXPECT CO-SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREAN
RESOLUTION TO BE CARRIED TO UNGA FLOOR.
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